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SUBJECT: SENAT-GDR RESCUE AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS

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1. SUMMARY: SENAT HAS REQUESTED ALLIES GIVE URGENT CONSIDERATION TO DRAFT LETTER EXCHANGE ON BOUNDARY RESCUE AGREEMENT AND SUGGEST LANGUAGE CHANGES ALONG LINES QA LANGUAGE SO SENAT CAN TRY TO GET NEGOTIATIONS WITH GDR RESUMED. BASED ON SIGNALS FROM ABRASIMOV AND KOHL, SENAT BELIEVES GDR MIGHT BE MORE FLEXIBLE.
END SUMMARY.

2. SENAT CHANCELLERY CHIEF HERZ CALLED MEETING OF LIAISON OFFICERS MAY 16 TO REQUEST ALLIES TO GIVE URGENT CONSIDERATION TO SENAT PROPOSALS ON EXCHANGE OF LETTERS WITH GDR ON BOUNDARY-RESCUE SO THAT SENAT COULD CALL MEETING WITH GDR ASAP. HE SAID THERE WAS REASON TO BELIEVE GDR MIGHT NOW BE
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WILLING TO DEMONSTRATE MORE FLEXIBILITY,

BASED ON TWO CONVERSATIONS OF WHICH HE HAD JUST BECOME AWARE. HERZ SAID HE HAD READ GAUS' REPORT ON MEETING WITH ABRASIMOV MAY 14 AND NOTED THAT ABRASIMOV HAD REJECTED LINE NEUES DEUTSCHLAND HAD BEEN PEDDLING PUTTING BLAME FOR DROWNINGS IN SPREE ON SENAT FOR FAILING TO AGREE TO GDR'S PROPOSALS OR TO PUT FENCES ON WEST BERLIN SIDE. ABRASIMOV INDICATED TO GAUS, HERZ SAID, THAT GDR WAS WILLING TO MOVE AHEAD AND SUGGESTED THAT SUCH CONTENTIOUS PHRASES AS "BORDER WATERS" COULD BE REPLACED WITH LANGUAGE FROM QA.

3. SECOND CONVERSATION WAS MAY 14 DISCUSSION BETWEEN GDR REP KOHL AND FDP CAUCUS LEADER MISCHNIK IN BONN; IN WHICH MISCHNIK TOLD KOHL INCIDENTS SUCH AS DROWNING ON MAY 11 DAMAGED RELATIONS BETWEEN GDR AND FRG. HERZ SAID THAT KOHL SENT MISCHNIK A MESSAGE ON MAY 15 CONFIRMING THAT AGREEMENT WAS POSSIBLE IN FORM PROPOSED BY SENAT (I.E., EXCHANGE OF LETTERS); AND ALSO INDICATED GDR WOULD ACCEPT QA-TYPE LANGUAGE BUT EXPECTED SENAT TO TAKE INITIATIVE IN GETTING TALKS STARTED AGAIN.

4. HERZ SUGGESTED ALLIES RE-EXAMINE TEXTS OF PROPOSED LETTER EXCHANGE CIRCULATED BY SENAT ON APRIL 16 WITH VIEW TO INSERTING QA-TYPE LANGUAGE FOR TERMINOLOGY, SUCH AS "BORDER WATERS", WHICH SENAT AND ALLIES HAD FOUND POLITICALLY UNACCEPTABLE. HERZ ASKED THAT THIS BE DONE ASAP TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OPPORTUNITY PRESENTED BY ABRASIMOV AND KOHL REMARKS.

5. LIAISON OFFICERS TOLD HERZ THAT MATTER WAS BEING CONSIDERED BY BONN GROUP AND THAT THEY WOULD PASS HIS PROPOSALS ALONG.

6. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THIS MIGHT BE EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN REVERSAL OF NEGATIVE POSITION OF FRENCH MISSION IN BERLIN. WE AND BRITISH WERE PREPARED TO GO ALONG WITH TEXTS OF LETTER EXCHANGE AS PRESENTLY DRAFTED BUT WOULD AGREE OF COURSE QA-CONFIDENTIAL

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